

I am a long haul trucker. Before I get to Los Angeles or the San Francisco area or other large cities I can find out the traffic conditions by XM Radio far sooner than if I have to wait to find a local channel in the area of the city. The traffic reports are repeated on XM Radio are repeated every few minutes and the ones on the radio are much further apart. The radio traffic reports on the radio are about 6 seconds long and then they play several minutes of commercials.

It is very important to me to be able to know exactly what the traffic conditions are in large cities BEFORE I get there. This determines the route I will travel and the amount of time I have to get to my destination.

In addition to excellent traffic reports, XM Radio also offers extensive weather reports; it provides variety and quality that are not available elsewhere. I pay for these services and it should not be up to the National Association of Broadcasters to determine what I am permitted to hear. I urge the FCC to reject the NAB's petition 04-160 and to support XM's ability to provide the kind of programming I demand and deserve.

Thank you.

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